(c) No, Sir.

15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities in the Ministry of Communications

3403. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any committee in his Ministry for monitoring the implementation of the 15 Point Programme for the welfare of the minorities; and

(b) if so, what are the details with regard to such committee in the Ministry and the number of persons who have been provided with employment during the past three years under the programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) not applicable.

श्री राहुल सांकृत्यायन के सम्मान में स्मारक टिकट का निकाला जाना

3404. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को महापंडित राहुल सांकृत्यायन के सम्मान में एक स्मारक टिकट निकाले जाने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है; और

(ग) स्मारक टिकट कब तक निकल जाने की संभावना है?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैय्या नायडू): (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) आवश्यक डिजाइन तैयार करने के लिए कार्यवाही पहले ही शुरू की जा चुकी है तथा श्री राहुल सांकृत्यायन की जन्म-शताब्दी के अवसर पर 9 अप्रैल, 1993 को डाक-टिकट जारी करने का प्रस्ताव है।

Direct Dialling Telephone facilities in M.P.

3405. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for providing direct dialling telephone facilities between two telephone exchanges for the entire country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the number of telephone exchanges in the State of Madhya Pradesh which have direct dialling telephone facilities amongst each other with details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The draft 8th plan proposals envisage;

—Provide National Subscriber Dialling facility to all exchanges by 1.4.1997.

—Sub-divisional headquarters/tehsil headquarters or equivalent towns and all exchanges of size 500 lines or more to be covered by 1.4.1995.

—All industrial growth centres, tourist and pilgrimage centres to be provided NSD facility by 1.4.1995.

(c) Telephone Exchanges at 53 stations in the state of Madhya Pradesh have National Subscriber Dialling facility enabling them to dial into all the exchanges of the country having National Subscriber dialling facility. The list of these 53 stations is given in the satement attached.

Statement

List of Stations with Telephone Exchanges in the State of Madhya Pradesh having National Subscriber Dialling facility.

1. Burhanpur
2. Dhamtari
3. Itarsi
4. Jeora
5. Mhow
6. Ambikapur
7. Bhind
8. Bhopal